



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	HB0663	Title:	County courthouse restoration act
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Primary Sponsor:	Villa, Dan	Status:	As Introduced
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$42,800	\$42,800	\$42,800	\$42,800
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>(\$42,800)</u>	<u>(\$42,800)</u>	<u>(\$42,800)</u>	<u>(\$42,800)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: The historic preservation officer will implement a county courthouse restoration and rehabilitation program. In order to complete the county courthouse restoration program, the Society will need the services of a contracted historic architecture firm.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. The historic preservation officer shall implement a county courthouse restoration and rehabilitation program.
2. At the request of a board of county commissioners, the historic preservation officer shall (a) evaluate the current condition of the county courthouse and determine whether restoration or rehabilitation is necessary or warranted; (b) estimate costs that may be associated with the restoration or rehabilitation activities; (c) provide assistance to the counties as requested; and (d) provide assistance to the counties in obtaining

government and private sector grants and loans to assist counties in paying for courthouse restoration or rehabilitation projects.

3. In order to perform assumptions #1 and #2 above the historic preservation officer will contract with a historic architect.
4. The society projects that approximately 48 counties could request assistance as follows:

# of Montana county seats/courthouses	56
# of historic (> 50 years old) county courthouses	48
# of historic courthouses for which a record currently exists	18
# of historic courthouses listed in the National Register	14
# of counties that will request assistance under Act	unknown (est. 48)
5. A building condition assessment report and cost estimate would be prepared for each courthouse. In that report the building would be generally described, the major visible problems would be identified and illustrated, needs would be prioritized and potential solutions suggested and generalized cost estimates derived. The cost for the report and cost estimates will be a range from \$3,600 to \$7,100 per building. An average of \$5,350 per building will be utilized for this fiscal note.
6. Eight courthouses will be the maximum number of requests able to be processed per year (16 per biennium), necessitating three biennia for participation in the program by all 48 historic courthouses.
 $16 \text{ courthouses} \times \$5,350 = \$85,600 \text{ per biennium.}$
7. Fiscal analysis does not include preparation of National Park Service (NPS) level, historic structure reports.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$42,800	\$42,800	\$42,800	\$42,800
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$42,800	\$42,800	\$42,800	\$42,800
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$42,800)	(\$42,800)	(\$42,800)	(\$42,800)

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

The assistance in securing grants could significantly reduce county expenditures for courthouse restoration projects.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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